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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY TO SCREEN IRANIAN FILM MASTERPIECE: NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT PERSIAN CATS *Film Gives Glimpse into the Struggle of Iranian Youth Seeking Freedom of Expression*

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library and the Persian Cultural Center of San Diego will screen the film *No One Knows about Persian Cats* (*Kasi az Gorbehaye Irani Khabar Nadareh*) at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. The screening is being held in conjunction with the *One Book, One San Diego* reading campaign 2011 selection, *The Gangster We Are All Looking For*, by native San Diegan lê thi diem thúy. This event is free to the public.

Music speaks a universal language in this heartbreaking hopeful story of the travails of two aspiring independent musicians in Tehran looking for band members to play at a London concert. Directed by Bahman Ghobadi, *No One Knows about Persian Cats* effortlessly encompasses various musical genres like rock, jazz, metal and rap into its soundtrack, neatly blended in with breathtakingly beautiful camera-work of the many worlds of Tehran. The film was shot in secret and features extraordinary performances by real underground Iranian bands. It won the Special Jury Prize in the ‘Un Certain Regard’ category at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival.

The Persian Cultural Center provides an enriching and welcoming environment for all who seek to strengthen the bonds of community, culture and cross-cultural understanding. Learn more about the organization online at www.pccsd.org.

The *One Book* campaign, sponsored with KPBS, is designed to encourage all San Diegans to read the same book at the same time, and to educate and enlighten on topics and themes of concern to the community. Still more One Book events have been scheduled at various San Diego Public Library locations and partner organization venues. Find the most current listings at www.sandiegolibrary.org or www.kpbs.org/onebook.

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